

I dont take peoples word about something negative so I called the local Sinclair station and found out that yes indeded they will be airing a negative story about Kerry without providing equal time for an oppsite point of view.

So I formally register a voice of protest to you. When a emploiee of a Sinclair station (KMWB, WB 23 -)ST Paul MN> 651-646-2300) openly states directly to me (10:15 am Monday 10/18/04)that this is the case what else can one conclude. It is my belief that the public service requirments, that I understand the FCC regulates and enforces on the behalf of the public, require you to take disiplinary action against Sinclair.

Thank you, Russ Erickson

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.